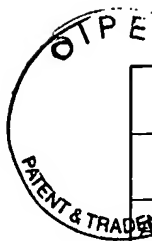




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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 25, 2005, which was a Final Rejection of claims 2, 7, 9, 11, 13, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

The status of the claims is reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.